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# H. R. 5794

To amend the Public Health Service Act to expand research and education with respect to endometrial cancer, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. DAVID SCOTT of Georgia (for himself, Ms. NORTON, Mr. COHEN, Mrs. BEATTY, Ms. KELLY of Illinois, Mr. BISHOP of Georgia, Mr. BUTTERFIELD, Mr. CARSON of Indiana, Ms. CLARKE of New York, Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, Ms. PRESSLEY, Mr. LAWSON of Florida, Mr. HASTINGS, Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER, Ms. JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. GREEN of Texas, Ms. FUDGE, Mr. PAYNE, Ms. BASS, Ms. LEE of California, Mr. RUSH, Mr. BROWN of Maryland, Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. RICHMOND, Mr. JEFFRIES, Mr. MEEKS, Ms. JACKSON LEE, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Ms. PLASKETT, and Mr. CLYBURN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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## A BILL

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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Endometrial Cancer  
5       Research and Education Act of 2020”.

1   **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

2       Congress finds the following:

3           (1) Endometrial cancer is cancer of the lining  
4       of the uterus (or endometrium) and is the most com-  
5       mon form of uterine cancer.

6           (2) Endometrial cancer is the fourth most com-  
7       mon cancer diagnosed in women, after breast, lung,  
8       and colon cancer.

9           (3) Endometrial cancer mainly affects post-  
10      menopausal women, with most women diagnosed be-  
11      tween age 55 and 64.

12          (4) Women with polycystic ovary syndrome  
13       (PCOS) and uterine leiomyoma have an increased  
14       risk of developing endometrial cancer.

15          (5) Unlike most other types of cancer, the inci-  
16       dence of endometrial cancer, particularly aggressive  
17       subtypes of such cancer, has been increasing in the  
18       United States among all women, particularly among  
19       African-American and Asian women, with a 2.5 an-  
20       nual percent change for both groups.

21          (6) In comparison to non-Hispanic White  
22       women, African-American women have significantly  
23       higher incidence rates of aggressive endometrial can-  
24       cers.

1                             (7) Such incidence rates for Hispanic and Asian  
2                             women are equal to or lower than such incidence  
3                             rates for non-Hispanic White women.

4                             (8) Although non-Hispanic White women are  
5                             more likely to be diagnosed with endometrial cancer  
6                             in comparison to African-American women, the rate  
7                             of mortality is higher for African-American women.

8                             (9) Currently, the cause of such disparity is un-  
9                             known. Researchers have studied the disparity in re-  
10                             lation to the time between diagnosis and treatment  
11                             of endometrial cancer, including socioeconomic fac-  
12                             tors.

13                             **SEC. 3. EXPANDING RESEARCH AND EDUCATION WITH RE-**  
14                                     **SPECT TO ENDOMETRIAL CANCER.**

15                             (a) NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH.—Part B of  
16                             title IV of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 284  
17                             et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the following  
18                             new section:

19                             **“SEC. 409K. ENDOMETRIAL CANCER.**

20                             “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Director of NIH shall—

21                                 “(1) expand, intensify, and coordinate programs  
22                             to conduct and support research with respect to  
23                             endometrial cancer; and

24                                 “(2) communicate to medical professionals and  
25                             researchers, including through the endometrial can-

1       cer public education program established under sec-  
2       tion 399V–7, the disparity in the diagnosis of  
3       endometrial cancer between African-American  
4       women and non-Hispanic White women and any new  
5       research relating to endometrial cancer.

6       “(b) COORDINATION WITH OTHER INSTITUTES.—

7       The Director of NIH shall coordinate activities carried out  
8       by the Director pursuant to subsection (a) with similar  
9       activities carried out by—

10           “(1) the Director of the Eunice Kennedy Shriv-  
11       er National Institute of Child Health and Human  
12       Development;

13           “(2) the Director of the National Institute on  
14       Minority Health and Health Disparities; and

15           “(3) the Director of the Office of Research on  
16       Women’s Health.

17       “(c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—For  
18       purposes of carrying out this section, there is authorized  
19       to be appropriated \$500,000 for each of fiscal years 2021  
20       through 2023.”.

21       (b) CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVEN-  
22       TION.—Part P of title III of the Public Health Service  
23       Act (42 U.S.C. 280g et seq.) is amended by adding at  
24       the end the following new section:

1   **“SEC. 399V-7. ENDOMETRIAL CANCER PUBLIC EDUCATION**

2                   **PROGRAM.**

3         “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, acting through  
4 the Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Pre-  
5 vention, shall develop and disseminate to the public infor-  
6 mational materials on endometrial cancer, including the  
7 incidence rate of such cancer, the risk factors for devel-  
8 oping such cancer, the increased risk for ethnic minority  
9 women to develop such cancer, and the range of available  
10 treatments for such cancer. Any informational material  
11 developed pursuant to the previous sentence may be trans-  
12 mitted to a nonprofit organization; institution of higher  
13 education; Federal, State, or local agency; or media entity  
14 for purposes of disseminating such material to the public.

15         “(b) CONSULTATION.—In developing and dissemi-  
16 nating informational materials under subsection (a), the  
17 Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Preven-  
18 tion shall consult with the Administrator of the Health  
19 Resources and Services Administration.

20         “(c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—For  
21 purposes of carrying out this section, there is authorized  
22 to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary for  
23 each of fiscal years 2021 through 2023.”.

